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Letter dated 2 December 2016 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith information bulletins from the Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic for the period from 29 November to 1 December 2016 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would circulate the text of the present letter and its annex as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex to the letter dated 2 December 2016 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Information bulletin of the Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic (29 November 2016)

Reconciliation of opposing sides

Over the past 24 hours, reconciliation agreements have been signed with representatives of two populated areas in Ladhiqiyah governorate.

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process has increased to 1,005.

Negotiations on joining the ceasefire regime continued with field commanders of illegal armed groups in Damascus governorate and armed opposition units in Homs, Hama, Aleppo and Qunaytirah governorates.

Over the past 24 hours, two ceasefire application forms have been signed with the leaders of armed groups. The number of armed groups that have announced their commitment to accepting and fulfilling the terms of the ceasefire has increased to 88.

Observance of the ceasefire regime

Over the past 24 hours, there were 40 reports of shelling by illegal armed groups in Aleppo governorate (20), Damascus governorate (16), Dar'a governorate (2), Hama governorate (1) and Ladhiqiyah governorate (1).

In Damascus governorate, armed units affiliated with the Army of Islam opposition group used mortars and small arms to fire on Jawbar, the Adawi neighbourhood and the area near Abbasiyin stadium in Jawbar, and the highway near Harasta.

Ahrar al-sham fighters used mortars to shell Azizi in Aleppo governorate and government troop positions near Abu Ali mountain in Ladhiqiyah governorate.

Syrian Free Army units used multiple launch-rocket systems to shell the Salah al-Din neighbourhood in Aleppo city.

In Aleppo, the terrorist groups Jabhat Fath al-Sham (Nusrah Front) and Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) used multiple launch-rocket systems, tube artillery, mortars and small arms to fire on the Binyamin (twice), Dahiyat al-Assad, Bayadin, Layramun, Bustan al-Basha, Ramusah, Shaykh Khidr, Ashrafiyah, Shurfah and 1070 neighbourhoods, the Assad Military Academy, the area near the former military school, the Aleppo citadel, the Castello trade centre, the Hikmah School, and areas near the paperboard factory and the watermelon market.

In Damascus governorate, the following were shelled: Irbin (twice), Bilaliyah, Hawsh Kharabu (twice), Hawsh Nasri (twice), Jawbar, Bala al-Qadimah, the Ibn Sina Hospital, an electric power station in Jawbar and the Wafidin camp.

Terrorist shelled Tall Sheliyah and Jadilah in Dar'a governorate; and Suran in Hama governorate.

The Russian and Syrian air forces did not carry out any strikes against opposition armed groups which had announced that they would cease hostilities and had informed the Russian or American reconciliation centres of their location.

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic

Over the past 24 hours four humanitarian operations were carried out, during which the following humanitarian cargoes were delivered to civilians:

- Approximately 3 tons to Jibrin in Aleppo governorate
- 2.5 tons to Masyaf in Hama governorate
- Approximately 1 ton to Unaybah in Qunaytirah governorate
- Approximately 1 ton to Qarjaliyah in Ladhiqiyah governorate

Centres providing hot meals and supplying urgent necessities are continuing to operate for civilians who leave districts of Aleppo city that are under the control of illegal armed groups.

Information bulletin of the Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic (30 November 2016)

Reconciliation of opposing sides

Over the past 24 hours, reconciliation agreements have been signed with representatives of two populated areas in Ladhiqiyah governorate (1) and Qunaytirah governorate (1).

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process has increased to 1,007.

Negotiations on joining the ceasefire regime continued with field commanders of illegal armed groups in Damascus governorate and armed opposition units in Homs, Hama, Aleppo and Qunaytirah governorates.

The number of armed groups that have announced their commitment to accepting and fulfilling the terms of the ceasefire is unchanged — it is still 88.

Observance of the ceasefire regime

Over the past 24 hours, there were 38 reports of shelling by illegal armed groups in Aleppo governorate (20), Damascus governorate (15), Ladhiqiyah governorate (2), and Hama governorate (1).

In Damascus governorate, armed units affiliated with the Army of Islam opposition group used mortars and small arms to fire on Jawbar, Harasta and Hawsh Nasri.

Ahrar al-Sham fighters used mortars to shell Azizi in Aleppo governorate; and the positions of Syrian Armed Forces near Abu Ali mountain (twice) in Ladhiqiyah governorate.

Syrian Free Army units used multiple launch-rocket systems, mortars and small arms to fire on the Salah al-Din and Mashariqah neighbourhoods in Aleppo city.

In Aleppo governorate, the terrorist groups Jabhat Fath al-Sham (Nusrah Front) and Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) used multiple launch-rocket systems, tube artillery, mortars, hand-held anti-tank grenade launchers and small arms to fire on Shurfah and also on the Binyamin, Jam'iyat al-Fayha', Dahiyat al-Assad, Amri, Aqil, Aryan, Shaykh Sa'd, Andalus, Karan Jabal, Jabal Badro, Ard Sabah and 1070 neighbourhoods, the Hikmah School, the Castello trade centre, and the area near the paperboard factory and the watermelon market in Aleppo city.

In Damascus governorate, the following were shelled: Irbin (three times), Bilaliyah, Hawsh Kharabu (twice), Hawsh Nasri (twice) and Bala al-Qadimah, an electric power station and a sports ground in Jawbar, and the Wafidin camp.

In Hama governorate, terrorists shelled Mu'ardis.

The Russian and Syrian air forces did not carry out any strikes against opposition armed groups which announced that they would cease hostilities and informed the Russian or American reconciliation centres of their location.

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic

Over the past 24 hours one humanitarian operation was carried out in the Sakhur district of Aleppo city and in the Mahalij camp for refugees of Aleppo governorate, during which approximately 11 tons of humanitarian cargoes were delivered to civilians.

Centres providing hot meals and supplying urgent necessities are continuing to operate for civilians who leave districts of Aleppo city that are under the control of illegal armed groups.

Additional information

Over the past 24 hours, 6,020 citizens, including 3,113 children, have left besieged areas of Aleppo city with the assistance of the Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides.

Information bulletin of the Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic (1 December 2016)

Reconciliation of opposing sides

Over the past 24 hours, reconciliation agreements have been signed with representatives of five populated areas in Ladhiqiyah governorate.

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process has increased to 1,012.

Negotiations on joining the ceasefire regime continued with field commanders of illegal armed groups in Damascus governorate and armed opposition units in Homs, Hama, Aleppo and Qunaytirah governorates.

The number of armed groups that have announced their commitment to accepting and fulfilling the terms of the ceasefire is unchanged — it is still 88.

Observance of the ceasefire regime

Over the past 24 hours, there were 36 reports of shelling by armed groups in Aleppo governorate (19), Damascus governorate (13), Hama governorate (2) and Dar'a governorate (1).

In Damascus governorate, armed units affiliated with the Army of Islam opposition group used mortars and small arms to fire on Jawbar, Bilaliyah, Harasta and Mathanat Husayniyah.

In Aleppo governorate, armed elements of the Syrian Free Army used "hellfire" improvised multiple launch-rocket systems and mortars to shell the Bayadah and Antari neighbourhoods in Aleppo city.

In Ladhiqiyah governorate, armed elements of Ahrar al-Sham used mortars to shell government troop positions near the area at elevation point 323.

In Aleppo governorate, the terrorist groups Jabhat Fath al-Sham (Nusrah Front) and Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) used multiple launch-rocket systems, tube artillery, mortars, hand-held anti-tank grenade launchers and small arms to fire on Shurfah and also on the Binyamin, Shaykh Sa'd, 1070, 3000, Aqil, Amri, Dahiyat al-Assad, Jam'iyat al-Fayha', Jabal Badro, Karan Jabal and Salihin neighbourhoods, the Castello trade centre, the Assad Military Academy and the area near the paperboard factory in Aleppo city.

In Damascus governorate, terrorists shelled Hawsh Nasri, Irbin, Harasta and Hawsh Kharabu, and an electric power station in Jawbar.

Terrorists shelled Hamamiyat and Muhradah in Hama governorate; and Shaykh Miskin in Dar'a governorate.

The Russian and Syrian air forces did not carry out any strikes against opposition armed groups which announced that they would cease hostilities and informed the Russian or American reconciliation centres of their location.

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic

Over the past 24 hours one humanitarian operation was carried out in the Hananu-3 district of Aleppo city and in the Mahalij camp for refugees of Aleppo governorate, during which approximately 6 tons of humanitarian cargoes were delivered to civilians.

Centres providing hot meals and supplying urgent necessities are continuing to operate for civilians who leave districts of Aleppo city that are under the control of illegal armed groups.

Additional Information

Over the past 24 hours, 3,193 citizens, including 1,587 children, have left besieged areas of the eastern part of Aleppo city with the assistance of the Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides.